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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
11 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 J.F., a minor, by and through her Guardian Ad  
Litem, LIZ FRANCO; V.F., a minor, by and  
13 through her Guardian Ad Litem, LIZ FRANCO;  
and M.M., a minor, by and through her Guardian  
14 Ad Litem, JENNIFER MENENDEZ,

15 Plaintiffs,

16 vs.

17 CITY OF WOODLAKE; CHRIS KAIIOUS;  
18 JUAN GONZALES; and DOES 3 - 10, inclusive

19 Defendants.  
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**Case No. 1:23-cv-01569-JLT-BAM**

**APPLICATION OF JENNIFER  
MENENDEZ FOR APPOINTMENT AS  
GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR M.M.**

Date: June 28, 2024  
Time: 9:00 am  
Place: Courtroom 8  
Judge: Hon. Barbara A. McAuliffe

1 1. Petitioner JENNIFER MENENDEZ is the natural mother of the minor, M.M. Petitioner is  
2 a resident of the County of Volusia, State of Florida

3 2. Minor M.M. is a plaintiff and has claims, as alleged in the compliant filed in the herein  
4 action, arising out of the violation of her rights and her father's civil rights. On December 17,  
5 2022, officers from the City of Woodlake Police Department used excessive and unreasonable  
6 force against decedent VICTOR MELENDEZ when they shot and killed Victor Melendez, the  
7 natural father of minor M.M.

8 3. Petitioner has no interest potentially adverse to the minor.

9 4. Petitioner is a responsible adult and fully competent to understand and protect the rights of  
10 said minor.

11 WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that JENNIFER MENENDEZ be appointed guardian ad  
12 litem for M.M. to prosecute this action on her behalf.

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14 Dated: 5/22/2024

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JENNIFER MENENDEZ